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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON SOUTH OSSETIA AND ABKHAZIA

REF: A. A. STATE 91894
[1](#)B. B. AMMAN 2484

Classified By: Ambassador R. Stephen Beecroft, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) PolCouns delivered Ref A demarche to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director of International Organizations Ayman Al-Aamiry on September 2. Aamiry called the issue a "tough one" for Jordan, pointing to the impression of a double standard on the issue in light of Kosovo. While asserting that the Jordanian government agreed with the U.S. position "by default," Aamiry did not offer a substantive response to the call for Jordan to publicly reject Russia's recognition of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. In response to a question, Aamiry said that he was not aware of any Russian Embassy diplomatic outreach to the GOJ regarding the issue.

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: As reported in Ref B, the GOJ is paying close attention to its equities with regards to its efforts to bolster ties with Russia. A public position on South Ossetia and Abkhazia is not likely to be forthcoming. End comment.

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